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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR PRC DELEGATION TO UN

REFS: A) PEKING 1640; B) STATE A-1312; C) PEKING 1676

1. ALTHOUGH THE GUIDELINES FOR ISSUING US VISAS TO PRC REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UN SET OUT IN REF. B STATE THAT APPLICANTS FOR THESE VISAS SHOULD BE ISSUED PLAIN "G" VISAS, THIS APPARENTLY WAS NOT INTENDED AS A PROHIBITION AGAINST ATTACHING DIPLOMATIC STAMPS TO THE VISAS BUT RATHER TO INSURE THAT NUMERICAL INDICATORS WERE NOT ATTACHED TO THE G VISA. THE USE OF THE WORD "PLAIN" IN DESCRIBING THE G VISA UNDERSTANDABLY GAVE RISE TO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONFUSION WITH THE RESULT THAT SOME VISAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED WITH A DIPLOMATIC STAMP AND SOME NOT. THIS IS PRESUMABLY THE BASIS FOR THE PROTEST OVER LAI'S VISA. VO HAS REVIEWED THE SITUATION AND IS PLANNING TO AMEND A-1312 TO SPECIFICALLY ALLOW FOR THE USE OF DIPLOMATIC STAMPS WHERE APPROPRIATE FOR PRC REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UN, AS PROVIDED FOR IN FAM 22 CFR 41.102. YOU MAY BEGIN

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ATTACHING THE APPROPRIATE STAMPS IN THE INTERIM.

2. IN REPLYING TO THE PROTEST OVER LAI'S VISA, YOU MAY EXPLAIN THAT THE G VISA BY ITSELF CARRIES FULL DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AND THAT THE DIPLOMATIC STAMP WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED AS IT IS ESSENTIALLY SUPERFLUOUS IN THIS CASE. YOU SHOULD OFFER TO PLACE A DIPLOMATIC STAMP IN LAI'S AND CHUANG'S PASSPORTS IF THEY SO WISH.

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